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AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, SUCH AS INSULIN
DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS, INVOLVING
RETROVIRAL SUPERANTIGENS

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION
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Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the
above-identified application:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after "Methods for Diagnosis and Therapy of Autoimmune
Disease, such as Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, involving
Retroviral Superantigens" please insert the following as a
separate paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of PCT International
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